

BAR KOKBA leads last Great Jewish Revolt. The suppression of the Jews leads to the 2nd diaspora. When the Roman empire was at its peak, the Jews fought a long and ultimately losing battle to resist Roman authority and maintain Judea as a national homeland. A great rising in Jerusalem, begun 116 by extremists known as Zealots was put down, after much bloodshed by TITUS, son of Emperor Vespasian, and the

Temple was burned to the ground. During the 4 yrs  
of atrocious violence, the Jews had resorted to cannibalism.  
In 132, Simon Bar KOKBA, who may have called himself  
a messiah, led the last important Jewish revolt. He  
& his followers were defeated by JULIUS SEVERUS.  
Bar Kokba was killed at BET HAKDASHAH near Caesarea. The  
Romans made Jerusalem an Italic colony and  
allowed Jews entry only once / yr.

So began the ~~2nd~~ diaspora or dispersion of Jews  
throughout the empire (the 1st was the Babylonian  
Captivity of the 6th Cen BC). And the history of the Jews,  
until the creation of modern Israel in 1948  
became the story of those scattered communities.